THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Libel* of the *Presbytery* of *Aberdeen* againſt Mr. *David Hedderweik*. 1708.
2. How the *Diſſenters* here wou'd take it to be ſo Us'd.
3. They always put ſomething *Scandalous* in their *Libels* againſt the *Clergy*, tho' but for *Shew*.
4. They call it *Superſtition* to Obſerve *Chriſtmaſs*, or *Kneel* at the *Sacrament*.
5. They wou'd neither give the *Sacrament* to a *Perſon* of *Quality* in her *Sickneſs*, nor give leave to an *Epiſcopal-Clergy-man* to do it, even when ſhe was *Dying*. They Publickly *Preach* againſt it.
6. Examples of Private *Baptiſms*. The ſad Condition of the *Epiſcopal People* in *Scotland* at this day.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 23. 1708.

(1.) " A Copy of the *Presbytery* of *Aber-*
" *deen* their *Libel* againſt Mr. *David*
" *Hedderweik* 1708.

" AT *Aberdeen* the 29 Day of *Decem-*
" *ber* 1708 Years. The which
" Day the *Presbytery* of *Aberdeen*
" Conſidering the Information againſt Mr.
" *David Hedderweik* Intruder into the *College*
" *Kirk* of *Old Aberdeen*, do hereby Authorize
" Warrand and Require you *George Forbes*
" and *Gilbert Anderſon* their Officers in that
" part Conjunctly and ſeverally Lawfully to
" ſummond the ſaid Mr. *David Hedderweik*
" to Compear before them in the *Seſ-*
" *ſion Houſe* of the *New Kirk* of *Aberdeen* on
" Wedneſday the 26 of *January* next 1709
" Years in the hour of Cauſe peremptorie to
" Anſwer for his alledg'd Unlawful Intruſion
" into the ſaid *Kirk*, and there uſing a
" Forme of *Liturgy* and *Ceremonies* never
" Receiv'd nor Practis'd by this Church un-
" der any Government, and contrary to the
" Purity of Worſhip enjoin'd by the Civil and
" Eccleſiaſtical Authority, and Reſerved to
" the People of this Nation by an Expreſs
" Article of the Union of the two King-
" doms as a Fundamental and Eſſential
" Condition of the ſaid Union. As alſo
" for his Preſuming to *Baptize*, having no
" Authority from this Eſtabliſh'd Church,
" and in *Baptiſm* uſing the *Sign* of the *Croſs*,
" a Symbolical and Significant *Ceremony*, ha-
" ving no Warrand in the Word of God
" and contrary to the Acts and Conſtituti-
" on of this Church and the Laudable Laws
" of the Land. As alſo for his Preſuming to
" Adminiſter the Sacrament of the *Lord's*
" *Supper*, himſelf and the People Kneeling in
" the very Act of Receiving, contrary to
" the Example of *Chriſt* and his *Apoſtles*.
" And for Adminiſtring the ſaid Sacrament
" on *Saturday* the 25 of *December* laſt paſt,
" contrary to all Scripture Example, the
" Practice of this and other Reformed
" Churches, and from a *Superſtitious* Reſpect
" to that Day as more holy than others.
" As alſo for his Preſuming, as is alledg'd,
" to celebrate the Bond of *Marriage* betwixt
" Parties, he being an outed Miniſter, and
" not Authoriſed by Law, and the Eſta-
" bliſhed Church of this Nation, and there-
" in contemning the Eſtabliſh'd Order of
" this Church and Laws of the Nation,
" particularly the Act of Parliament, June
" 28 1695 Intituled, *Act againſt irregu-*
" *lar Baptiſms and Marriages*. And further
" for his Employing to Preach with him
" or for him ſome pretended Preachers who
" had no Authority from or within this
" Church, pretending only a Licence from
" ſome of the Exauthorat *Biſhops* ſince they
" were Exauthorat. And pray not for her Ma-
" jeſty nor own her Government as by Law
" requir'd. As alſo for his Scandalous haunt-
" ing of Taverns and Ale-houſes, as is al-
" ledged, after ten of the Clock at Night,
" or other times of the Day, not being on
" Travel, nor for Refreſhment. Which be-
" ing Puniſhable in any of the Lieges con-
" form to the Acts of Parliament made
" theranent, is much more Conſiderable
" and very Scandalous in any who pretend
" to be Miniſters of the Goſpel, With Cer-
" tification, *&c.*

Extracted out of the Records of the Presbytery by me

Sic Subſcribitur,

Rob. Gray Cl. Pr.

" *N B.* The within mention'd Mr. *David* " *Hedderweik* has long ago taken all the " *Oaths* requir'd by Law, and Constantly " Prays for the *Queen*.

" Also that Church he says Prayers in " is no *Parish Church*, nor has any *Stipend* " belonging to it.

(2.) *Country-man.* I thank you heartily for this, *Master*. Will *Observator* and *Review* any longer Deny that the *Episcopal Clergy* in *Scotland* are Prosecuted for *Baptizing*, or Celebrating the Holy *Sacrament* of the *Lord's Supper*?

How wou'd our *Dissenters* here take it, if they were put in the *Bishop's Court* for Receiving the *Sacrament*, or having their Children *Baptiz'd*, or *Marrying* by their own *Teachers*? And yet how cou'd they Blame it, while they Justify the same Proceedings of their *Brethren* in *Scotland*, now that they have got the *Law* on their side? If they do Right in this, it shews what the *Church* ought to have done to them once upon a Day!

(3.) But, *Master*, here they put into this *Libel* against Mr. *Hedderweik* his going to *Taverns* and *Ale-Houses*, and not for *Refreshment*. How do they know it was not for *Refreshment*? If ther had been any *Intemperance* in the Case, no Doubt they wou'd have laid it home upon him. And what they say, is only, *as is Alleg'd*. This is a very Lame business to Ground a *Libel* upon.

Rehears. It was only for filling up. They never Miss some such *Scandal* or other in their *Libels* against the *Clergy*. It is no Matter for *Proving*, it *Sounds* well! And they think will Justify all their Proceedings!

(4.) *Country-m.* And how do they call it *Superstition* to keep a Day in Memory of the *Nativity* of our Blessed *Lord*! And to Receive the *Sacrament* on that Day, and *Kneeling* too, *and in the very Act!*

(5.) *Rehears.* Hold, *Country-man.* Let us keep our Observations upon this *Libel* till another time. For I have some more of the same sort to tell you, which I have from an Undoubted Hand. A certain *Person* of *Quality* lately Dead, when very ill, sent for the *Presbyterian Minister* of the *Parish*, and Desir'd to Receive the H. *Sacrament* from him. But he Refus'd, saying it was against the Rules of the *Kirk* to Administer the *Sacrament* in Private. And at the same time he Requir'd her not to take it from Dr. *G——s* an *Episcopal-Clergy-Man*, of a *Strict* and most *Pious* Life, as well as a *Learned* Man, who was then with her in the House, but he was Depos'd by the *General Assembly*. A few Days after My Lady finding her self grow worse desir'd her Husband to send for the *Presbyterian Minister* of the *Parish*, and try his Interest with him, which his Lordship did, but all in vain, tho' he was my Lord's own *Minister*. At length my *Lady* finding *Death* approach, and Unwilling to leave the World without that Blessed *Viaticum*, did Receive the H. *Sacrament* at the Hands of the *Episcopal Minister*, the *Presbyterin Teacher* Protesting against it, and going off without taking Leave. This made a Great Noise in that part of the Country, among the *Brethren*, who thought it a Matter of *General Concern*, insomuch that the *Presbytery* did Appoint a *Probationer* whom his *Lordship* and the *Brugh* had Call'd to be *Minister* in that Place, to Preach Publickly in the *Church* a *Sermon* against Private Administration of the *Sacraments*, it being one of the *Five Articles* of *Perth*, Condemn'd by the *General Assembly* in the time of King *Char.* I. And I have heard of another *Sermon* upon the same Subject, against Private *Baptism* in the *Church* of *Paisly* by another *Probationer*, as a Test of his being well Affected to *Presbytery*, in order to be Prefer'd to a *Vacant Church* there. So that this seems to be the *Characteristick* of the *Presbyterians*, upon which they value themselves.

(6.) *Country-m.* If *Ananias* had been a *Presbyterian* he wou'd not have *Baptiz'd* St. *Paul* in his own Private *Lodging*. Nor *Philip* the *Eunuch* upon the *High-way*. Nor St. *Paul* the *Jayler* in *Prison*. But these Men will neither do it themselves, nor let others do it. This is the *Dog* in the *Manger*. I have some Neighbours of this Kidney. But I'm Resolv'd to see them *Bare-foot*, whether they have *Hoofs* or *Toes*.

O sad Condition of the *Episcopal* People in *Scotland* at this Day! They cannot have their Children *Baptiz'd*, tho' at the last *Gasp*! Nor themselves have the Comfort of the Bl. *Sacrament* when they are Dying!

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Yesterday was publish'd.

Censura Temporum. The Good or Ill Tendencies of Books, Sermons, Pamphlets, impartially consider'd, in a Dialogue between *Eubulus* and *Sophronius*. Vol. 1. For the Year 1708. Printed for *Henry Clements* at the *Half Moon* in St. *Paul's* Church Yard.

THE Spirit of Calumny and Slander, Examin'd, Chastis'd, and Expos'd, in a Letter to a Malicious Libeller. More Particularly Address'd to Mr. *George Ridpath*, Newsmonger. Containing some Animadversions on his Scurrilous Pamphlets, Publish'd by him against the Kings, Parliaments, Laws, Nobility and Clergy of *Scotland*. Together with a short account of Presbyterian Principles and Consequential Practices.

THE History of Scotch Presbytery; By Mr. *Shields*, *&c.*

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